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SUBJECT: SUHARTO REQUEST TO PRESIDENT FOR ADDITIONAL
DESTROYER ESCORT

REFS: A) STATE 097648 B) JAKARTA 4032 C) STATE 058437

1. LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON FROM PRESIDENT SUHARTO
(REF A) RAISING QUESTION OF INDONESIA' S PROCURING THREE
MORE DESTROYER ESCORTS OF THE CLAUD JONES CLASS WAS
MATCHED, ON A LOWER LEVEL, BY A RECENT LETTER FROM
DEFENSE MINISTER PANGGABEAN TO AMBASSADOR WHICH REFERRED
TO THEIR APRIL 4 MEETING (REF B) AND ASKED, INTER ALIA,
HOW INDONESIA SHOULD GO ABOUT ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL DES
OF THE CLAUD JONES CLASS. (PANGGABEAN ADDITIONALLY
EXPRESSED " AGREEMENT" TO OUR PROVIDING POLICE VEHICLES
FROM EXCESS, AND TO WHAT WAS TERMED AS THE AMBASSADOR' S
" PROPOSAL" TO PROVIDE EXPERTS TO SURVEY RADAR INFRASTRUCTURE
NEEDS, AND AGAIN RAISED THE QUESTION OF FINANCING A SMALL
ARMS FACILITY THROUGH MAP.)

2. ASSUMING THAT A DECISION HAS BEEN OR IS BEING MADE
TO DEACTIVATE ONE OR MORE OF THE CLAUD JONES CLASS DES
WITHIN A KNOWN TIME FRAME, MY PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR
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PRESIDENTIAL REPLY STATING THAT A) THE CLAUD JONES CLASS DES ARE EXPECTED TO BE PHASED OUT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME WITH THE FIRST SUCH DEACTIVATION TO TAKE PLACE IN (FY 74, FY 75 OR WHATEVER); B) WHEN THE FIRST CLAUD JONES DE BECOMES AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL, INDONESIA WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY TO PURCHASE IT UNDER TERMS SIMILAR TO THE FORMER JOHN R. PERRY, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION INDONESIA' S EXPERIENCE AT THAT TIME WITH THE SAMADIKUN (FORMER PERRY); C) SHOULD ONE OR BOTH OF THE REMAINING CLAUD JONES DES BECOME AVAILABLE THEREAFTER, INDONESIA WOULD RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION IN OBTAINING THEM, BASED ON HER EXPERIENCE WITH THE FIRST TWO.

3. SHOULD THERE AT PRESENT BE NO MOVEMENT TOWARDS A DECISION TO DEACTIVATE ANY OF THE REMAINING CLAUD JONES DES, I SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT, WHEN DRAFTING THE PROPOSED REPLY TO SUHARTO, FOLLOW THE GENERAL LINES OF MY COMMENTS TO PANGGABEAN (PARA 6 REF B).

4. IN ANY LETTER INDICATING POSSIBILITY OF AN ADDITIONAL DE FOR FUTURE SALE, THE PRESIDENT SHOULD, I BELIEVE, MAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT EXISTING MAP PLANS FOR THE ONCOMING YEARS WOULD HAVE TO BE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING OF TRANSFER COSTS, SPARE PARTS PACKAGE, ETC.

5. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED, I INTEND, IN MY REPLY TO PANGGABEAN, TO TAKE A VERY GENERAL LINE REGARDING THE DE REQUEST, IN ESSENCE REPEATING WHAT I TOLD HIM LAST APRIL (REF B), AND LEAVING ANY MORE SPECIFIC REPLY TO THE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DES TO THE PRESIDENT' S REPLY TO SUHARTO.
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